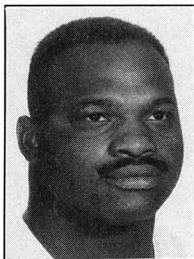


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Michael Dean Perry 92 — Defensive Tackle



6'-1", 290 lbs.
Clemson
South Aiken (S.C.) H.S.
Born: August 27, 1965
Aiken, S.C.
Draft 2, 1988

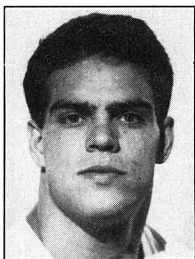
PRO: One of the most dominant, and possibly the quickest, defensive linemen in the game . . . At age 26, the slippery Michael Dean was named as a Pro Bowl starter for the third straight season in 1991 . . . Initial quickness and strength wreaks havoc on opponents, yet is almost always double-teamed . . . Recorded team-high 8-1/2 QB sacks in 1991 after recording most sacks (11-1/2) of any NFL interior lineman in 1990, and most by a Brown since Reggie Camp recorded 14-1/2 in 1984 . . . In dynamic rookie campaign in '88, Perry earned a berth on virtually every All-Rookie squad . . . Has career total of 33 QB sacks (going into 1992) to rank sixth on Browns' all-time list.

Games played/started: (1988, 16/2); (1989, 16/16); (1990, 16/16); (1991, 16/15)
 Total 64/49



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Tommy Vardell 44 — Running Back



6'-1", 238 lbs.
Stanford
Granite Hills (El Cajon, Calif.) H.S.
Born: February 20, 1969
El Cajon, Calif.
Draft 1, 1992 (9th overall)

PRO: Ninth overall and first running back selected in '92 draft . . . Earliest RB taken by the Browns since Mike Pruitt was picked in 7th in 1976; Cleveland's other recent first round RBs include: Charles White (27th, '80), Kevin Mack (1a, '84 supplemental) and Eric Metcalf (13th, '89) . . . Fourth Stanford product to play for Browns; other three are G-George Buehler ('78-'79), TE-Chris Dressel ('88) and DE-Paul Wiggin ('57-'67) . . . 11th RB taken by Browns in history of first round.

Browns Bolt Ahead of Chargers in Overtime Victory

It was like homecoming for five members of the 1991 Cleveland Browns in San Diego last year for an October 20th date with the Chargers.

Three Cleveland linebackers—David Brandon, Richard Brown and Cedric Figaro—were teammates with the Chargers in 1990. Two other Browns familiar with the confines of Jack Murphy Stadium were rookie DL-Pio Sagapolutele and WR-Webster Slaughter, who played collegiately at San Diego State.

As it turned out, all five figured prominently in a 30-24 overtime decision over the Chargers to give the Browns one of their brightest spots of the 1991 season.

Brandon sealed the victory when he intercepted a QB-John Friesz pass halfway into the overtime, racing 30 yards for the clincher. Actually, Brandon's celebration began a little prematurely, and he was almost caught by the intended receiver, Nate Lewis, when he slowed down near the end zone, the ball held high in the air.



Photo by Gregory Dredson

■ Kosar ran a no-huddle offense most of the second half.

"I started celebrating a little too early. He touched me just before I got into the end zone. During the overtime, they were trying to get the ball out into the flat. I tried hiding in there, and the ball came right to me. It's a great feeling," a jubilant Brandon said over the noise in the locker room after the game.

Brown had a big day, too, with eight tackles and an interception that tied the score at 17-17 in the fourth quarter. Figaro also registered eight tackles, one which stymied a Charger drive on a fourth and two

situation, and stopping another with a fumble recovery.

Sagapolutele, making his first NFL start at LDE, had three tackles, including a sack for an eight-yard loss. His biggest play of the game came on the final snap when he pressured Friesz, forcing the interception to Brandon. "I had my hand in his face, and the

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■ Sagapolutele pressured Friesz forcing Brandon's interception.

Photo by Gregory Dredson

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next thing I knew I was on the ground watching Brandon running in for the touchdown," a tired-but-happy Sagapolutele said to the media in front of his locker.

Offensively, Webster Slaughter put on a good show in front of his friends and family in attendance. Webster hauled in five passes for 75 yards. "We went to four wideouts, and it was like Bernie (Kosar) was drawing plays in the dirt," said Slaughter in praising Kosar's leadership. Kosar completed 26 of 42 passes for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Kosar was also lauded by Coach Bill Belichick in his postgame press conference. "He's one of the greatest competitors I've ever been around," said Belichick. He's very poised. He keeps his head above water. I said when I got to Cleveland that I was happy to have him on my side."

The first quarter scoring began with San Diego's John Carney kicking a 27-yard field goal after a four-play, two-yard drive that was set up by a 48-yard punt return by WR/KR Kitrick Taylor. Cleveland capitalized on a second quarter Friesz fumble that was recovered by Cedric Figaro and led to Matt Stover's 31-yard field goal to tie the game.

San Diego's running backs responded with two touchdowns in the third quarter, first on an 11-yard run by Ronnie Harmon (six plays, 41-yard drive) and a two-yard sprint by Marion Butts (five plays, 48-yard drive) on the Chargers' next series.

Down 17-3, the Browns answered the call on both those touchdowns on a five-play, 76-yard drive culminated by a Bernie Kosar to FB-Leroy Hoard six-yard touchdown pass. Following Richard Brown's interception that gave the Browns the ball on the San Diego 11-yard line, RB-Joe Morris went over left guard for a one-yard touchdown to tie the score at 17-17.

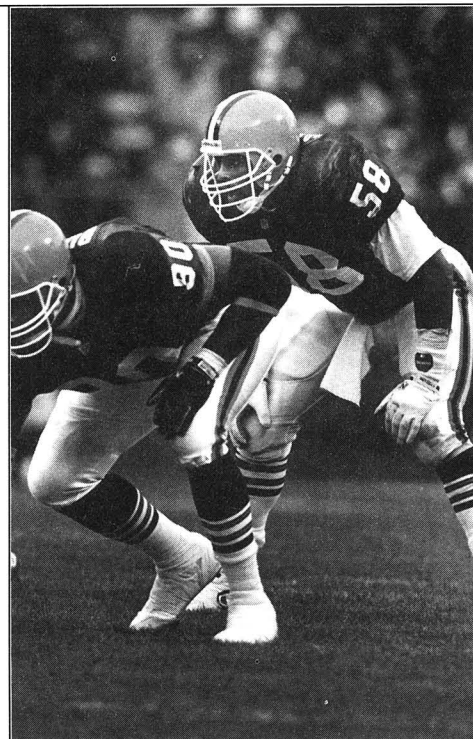
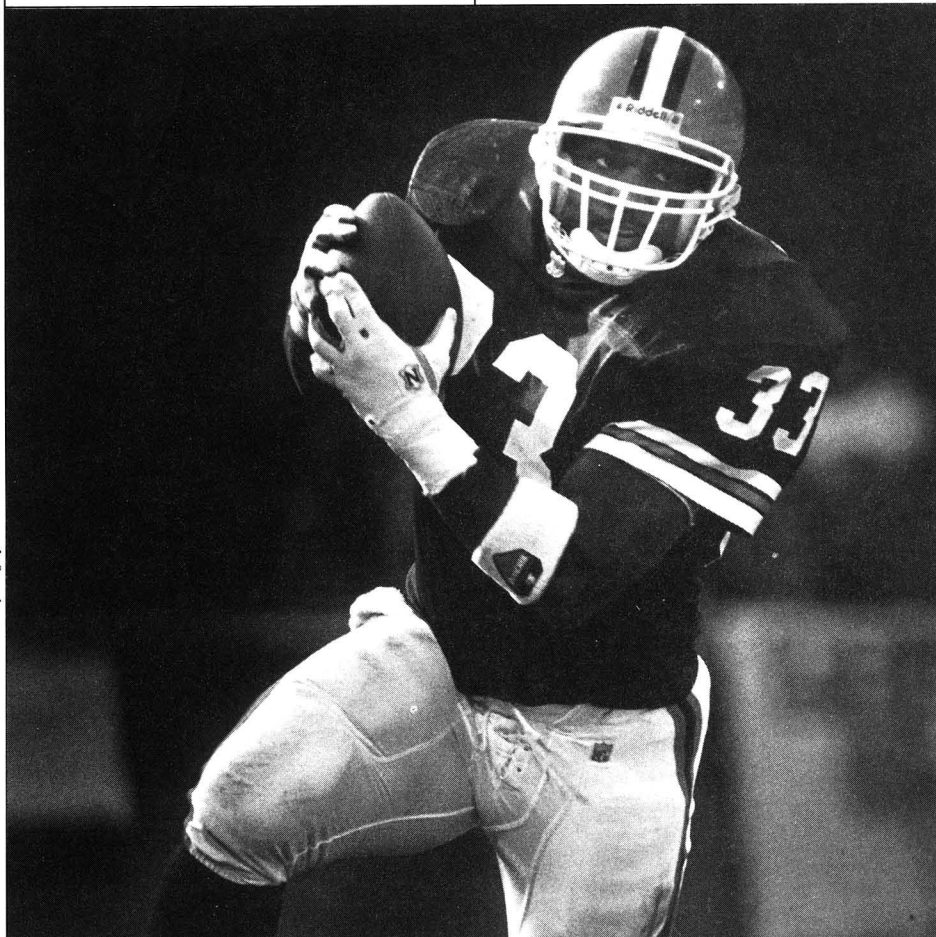


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■ In overtime, Brandon (58) intercepted a John Friesz pass and returned it 30 yards for a TD.



■ Hoard caught a six-yard TD late in the third quarter.

The Chargers' last score, which was a Friesz-to-RB-Steve Henderson two-yard touchdown pass, gave the Chargers a 24-17 lead. On Cleveland's next drive, Kosar tossed a 15-yard aerial from the shotgun formation to Hoard for six points as Stover converted to tie the game at 24-24, climaxing a 77-yard drive that took eight plays.

San Diego took over with 4:09 remaining and hung onto the ball for 15 plays, but John Carney's 48-yard field goal attempt with five seconds remaining sailed to the left and the game went into overtime.

Brandon's overtime interception came on San Diego's second possession at the 7:40 mark. "There were so many people cheering it seemed like a home game," Brandon said in reference to over 5,000 Browns Backers in attendance. Representing 40 states, the third annual Browns Backers reunion was staged in San Diego the night before the game.

They had plenty to cheer about, and the Browns had another moment to remember in the record books. ■

Q & A With... Jay Hilgenberg

By Bruce Speight, Jr.

Q: You were an established veteran and leader on the offensive line in Chicago, but when you came to Cleveland you had to start over. What type of adjustment has that been for you? Did you feel any pressure?

A: I think in Chicago, you really can't say this guy is a leader and this guy isn't a leader. I've always been under the impression that you can't go out and talk about it and it doesn't do any good to say 'let's do this, let's do that.' If you're going to be a leader, it's going to show by example of what you do, how you play, that's how a leader is. I think people get tired a lot of times of hearing people talk. I think it's more to have to show your level of intensity in how you play in a game and how you get ready to play.

In your opinion, what are the key ingredients to a successful offensive line?

You have to have respect for the people you play with. That's what we had in Chicago. We all respected each other. There were a lot of close friendships on the line but it wasn't like we all went and hung out with each other every night after work or anything like that. But what we did have was respect for each other and we understood that for me to perform at my best, I had to work well with the people around me. We all understood that. We were all pulling for each other and we knew we'd help ourselves.

You entered the league as an undrafted free agent and it seems that there are more

players that entered the league via that route along the offensive line than at other positions.

That's because a lot of times you can't gauge a

after you get beat. I'm talking about one play and not letting it affect you the next play and to have the pride in yourself that you're not going to let that happen again. It's a tough position to play. It's a position that when things are going bad you're going to get blamed and when things are going good, the credit's going to go elsewhere.



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You often refer to playing as "work." Describe your approach to the game.

It's my job. There's no question about it. It's my job and you've got to approach it as a job. I don't think it's an easy job, even a very glamorous job that we have. It's a very monotonous, boring job actually is what it is. It's the same routine every single day, week in, week out and the only thing that glorifies it is you play on TV on Sunday afternoon. You've got to approach it as a job and not get carried away with all the outside attention that it gets.

How does the play that goes on between the lines differ in the NFC as compared to the AFC?

I don't notice any difference at all. It seems that the NFC's been a little more successful as of late but there's no difference I see at all between the two.

What has been the key to your longevity?

The offseason workout training. Knowing the game, knowing the plays and what the blocking schemes are and being aware of what's happening around you. ■

Browns' Wives Association Kicks Off Operation Can-Do

On Sunday, Nov. 15, the San Diego Chargers travel to the Lakefront for Week 11 of the regular season. Prior to the contest, The Browns' Wives Association organized the 8th annual Operation "Can-Do" Food Drive kick off.

The Browns' Wives Association members will be at each gate to greet the fans and request a donation to their annual canned food drive. Players' wives will wear their husbands' jerseys and the coaches' wives will assist in the collection.

The drive, which will be kicked off at the Chargers' contest, is actually a six-week community-wide drive, ending Dec. 21st. All canned or non-perishable items will be distributed by the Cleveland Food Basket to Hunger Relief Centers throughout the City of Cleveland.

"Can-Do" collected nearly 75 tons of food and approximately \$8,000 in 1991, which was used to buy additional food for distribution during the holiday season.

Sponsoring the event this year are the Wives Association, The Cleveland Food Basket, Stop 'n' Shop Supermarkets, Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurants, Shamrock Movers, Fox-Nineteen WOIO-TV, WHK/WMMs FM, and Brilliant Sign Co.

Fans will be able to meet and get autographs of some of their favorite Browns and their wives at their local Stop 'n' Shop and Elias Brothers locations, and at the same time, drop off their donations. ■



■ Renita Pleasant (wife of DE-Anthony) participated in the Browns' wives 1991 canned food drive.

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■ "Operation Can-Do" kicks off Sunday, November 15th with a canned food collection at the Browns/Chargers game. You can also drop off food at all Stop 'n' Shop Supermarkets and at all Elias Brothers Restaurants until December 21st. Please help . . . food collected will be distributed by the Cleveland Food Basket to the Hunger Relief Centers throughout the North Coast.

Scott O'Brien

As special teams coach, Scott O'Brien has more contact with more members of the team than any other staff member next to Head Coach Bill Belichick.

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Born June 25, 1957, Superior Wisc.

College Coach:

13th Year Coaching Wisconsin-Superior.

Pro Coach:

2nd Year Browns.

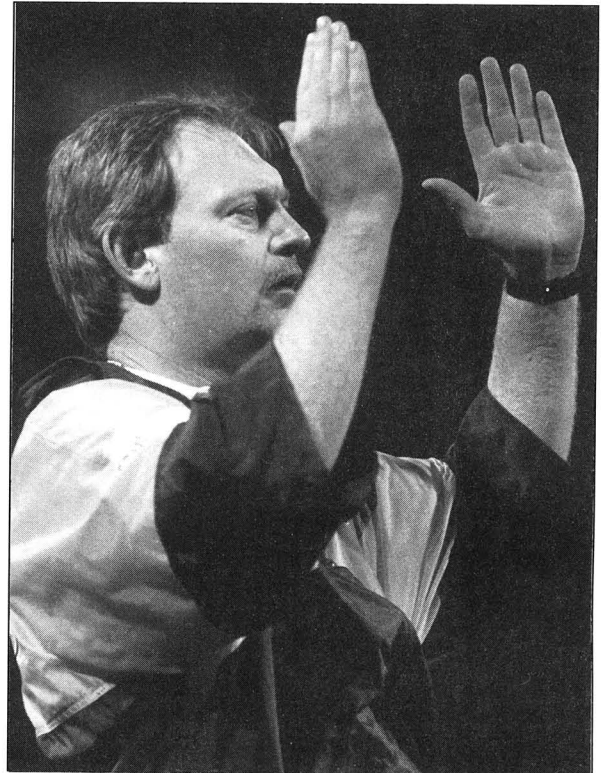


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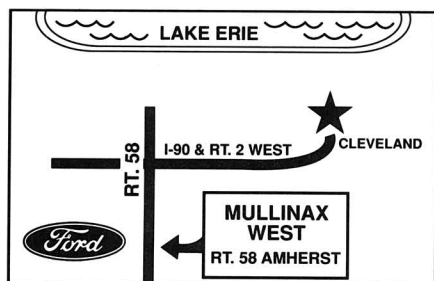
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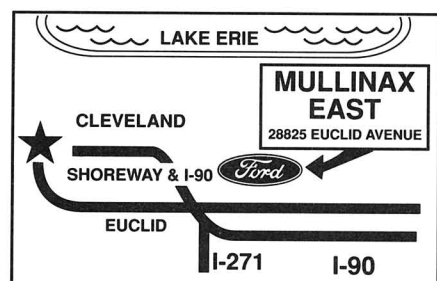


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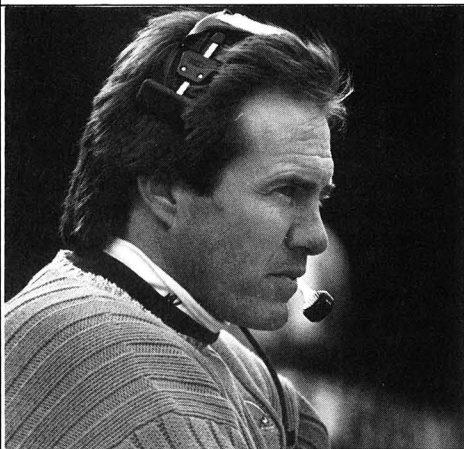
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WELCOME TO CLEVELAND STADIUM . . . The Cleveland Browns extend a warm welcome to all fans attending today's game versus the San Diego Chargers at Cleveland Stadium.

THE SERIES . . . The Chargers hold a 7-6-1 lead in their series with the Browns. The Browns are 2-4-1 vs. the Chargers at home and 4-3 in San Diego. The two teams fought to a 16-16 draw at Cleveland Stadium in 1973. Longest win streak in the series is three, registered by both teams (Browns in 1983, 1985 and 1986 and the Chargers in 1977, 1981 and 1982). The two teams last met on October 20, 1991 in San Diego, where the Browns won 30-24 in overtime. LB-David Brandon, a former Charger, intercepted a QB-John Friesz pass at 7:40 into the overtime and raced 30 yards to provide the Browns with the margin of victory. The game marked the third overtime clash between the two teams, all of them taking place in San Diego. The Browns won 30-24, in 1983 on a Brian Sipe-Harry Holt 48-yard TD pass at the 1:53 mark in the overtime. The Chargers won the 1987 overtime contest, 27-24.



■ Bill Belichick

BILL SAYS . . . "We played our best game of the season at Houston and we needed that to win down there. I also think the preparation we had last week was the best we've had all year. I saw it early in the week. The intensity level was very high. I'm going to say it again and probably a lot of other coaches say the same thing: we need to be more consistent and the only way I know you can do that is to prepare well, practice hard and play like you practice."

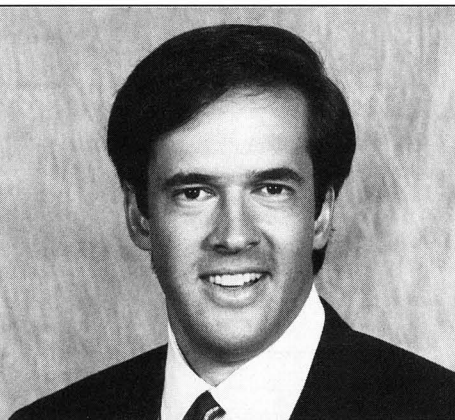
ON SAN DIEGO . . . "I'm just not saying this because we play them this week, but I think San Diego is

close to the best team I've watched on tape this year. They are a big, physical team on both sides of the ball. Even when they lost those first four, they were out-gaining their opponents. They like to bring the big back at you. Marion Butts, who I think is one of the best players in the league, is carrying the load right now. Once Stan Humphries got acquainted with the system, he's produced with both Anthony Miller and Nate Lewis making a lot of big plays. They've been at or near the top of AFC defenses all year. Look at who they line up — (Leslie) O'Neal, (Junior) Seau, (Burt) Grossman, (Stanley) Richard, (Gill) Byrd and (Chris) Mims — all number ones. And, of course, Bill Amsparger is there pushing all the right buttons."

ON HOUSTON . . . "We'll all hear from them before it's over. They're very good. We played well in every phase and got good field position all day. It was a great team win."

RADIO WAVES . . . Today's game can be heard on WHK-AM (1420) and WMMS-FM (100.7), flagship stations for the largest radio network (54 stations) in Browns' history. The Browns salute all the members of their radio network — in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. Eight-year veterans Nev Chandler (calls the action) and former Browns' offensive tackle Doug Dieken (adds color) are the Browns' radio team.

RON WOLFLEY ON WHAT HIS CAREER WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE IN THE 1930's . . . "I would have been a megastar in the 30's. The only analogy I could draw would be possibly Madonna in pads. That would have been me. Big, bulky pads, leather helmet, pug nose, cauliflower ears — it would have been me and the Babe battling it out for supremacy in the sporting world."



■ Today's game with the Chargers will be telecast by NBC. Dan Hicks (left) will handle the play-by-play and Joe Namath will offer color commentary.



■ Madonna wannabe?

OPERATION CAN-DO . . . The Browns' Wives' Association kicked off its annual holiday food drive with a collection at today's game against the Chargers. Wives of Browns' players, coaches and staff will be outside the Stadium prior to the game collecting non-perishable food items and money that will be used to distribute food to the Cleveland area needy through the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Along with the Browns' Wives', sponsors for this year's drive include Stop 'n' Shop, Elias Big Boy Restaurants, Shamrock Movers, Brilliant Sign Co., WOIO-TV, WMMS-Radio and the Cleveland Food Basket, which will coordinate the distributions. Along with the collections made this Sunday, bins will also be available at all Stop 'n' Shop stores and Big Boy Restaurants through Dec. 21. To stimulate the collections, Browns' players will make 12 appearances, six at Stop 'n' Shop and six at Elias Big Boy Restaurants, every Tuesday from Nov. 17 through Dec. 17 and on Nov. 19, 23, Dec. 17 and 21. For further details on the player appearances, please contact the Browns' public relations' office. ■